(ii) A Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements for Exporting Mangoes from India to China.

(iii) A Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive Cooperation including *inter-alia* the following elements pertaining to trade:

The importance of the Ministerial meeting of the Joint Economic Group (JEG)

Setting up of a compact Joint Study Group (JSG) composed of officials and economists to examine the potential of complementarities between the two countries in expanding trade and economic cooperation.

Purchase of Tobacco

20. SHRI K.KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether traders of Andhra Pradesh have been accused of adopting double standards in purchasing tobacco from the farmers;

(b) whether it is a fact that purchase from Karnataka was favoured at the auction centres; and

(c) the action proposed to ensure that tobacco is purchased at various auction centers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) No action is called for as flue cured Virginia tobacco is being purchased at auction centers.

Status of diamond processing sector

21. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the country's diamond processing sector;

(b) whether USA has proposed this sector as a potential sector for outsourcing their production of diamond studded jewellery;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how this sector is going to benefited by the proposed US move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) India is the largest cutting and polishing centre in the world. India's share in world net imports of cut & polished diamond is approximately 60% in terms of value, 85% in terms of volume, 92% in terms of pieces. It employs a workforce of nearly one million. The Indian diamond industry uses advanced technology. Around 35% of our total exports of cut & polished diamonds are exported directly to USA. Roughly 11 out of 12 diamonds set in Jewellery worldwide are cut & polished in India.

(b) No, sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Agenda for Ministerial Meet of WTO

22. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the agenda for the forthcoming Ministerial meet of WTO;

(b) the issues which require detailed deliberations;

(c) India's stand on these issues; and

(d) how the country has prepared itself to help arrive at a consensus on these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The agenda for the Fifth Session of the Ministerial Conference of the WTO, scheduled to be held in Cancun (Mexico) during 10-14 September 2003, has not yet been circulated. However, in terms of the decision of the Ministers at Doha, as contained the Doha Ministerial Declaration the Fifth Session of the Ministerial Conference will take stock of progress in the negotiations under the work programme adopted at Doha; provide any necessary political guidance; and take decisions as necessary.

(c) and (d) India has been actively participating in the negotiations on various issues included in the Doha Work Programme. India has